



DEATH'S DEAL

It Holds High Carnival Under DeWitt C. Cregier.

Another Bloody Suicide and Disgraceful Embezzlement,

Directly Due to Wide-Open Gambling in Chicago.

The Blood and Curses of Faro's Victims Will Hoodoo Whiskers Yet.

But Such Things as That Do Not Bother the Mayor.

He Does Not Like to Interfere with His Friends.

He Will Not Appoint a Chief of Police--It Might Bother the Blacklegs.

He Has No Time to Consider the Claims of Poor but Decent People.

Ordinary, Every-Day Citizens Are No Good When Compared with Gamblers.

Merchants, Mechanics, Young Men, Boys, and Strangers May Go to the Devil.

But Cregier Will Permit Wide-Open Gambling as Long as He Is Mayor.

If Citizens Arouse They Can Make Him Hump.

By Demanding a Special Grand Jury and the Punishment of Cregier for Neglect of Duty.

There is no diminution in the terrible onslaught of gamblers and their allies upon the good people of Chicago. The ravages of the besetting sin are almost incalculable. Hardly a day passes but some young man proves to be a defaulter to his employer, and brings disgrace on his parents and family, and all through losses at the gaming table. Hardly a week passes but some terrible suicide announces the ending of a life blighted by the Hankins trust.

Chicago is not the only city that suffers from the continuance of gambling under the Cregier administration. Our neighboring cities are suffering in unison with us. The School Treasurer of Milwaukee lost \$20,000 in the gambling hells of Chicago, and then blew out his brains.

Fifty thousand dollars of the people's money stolen from them to satisfy the Chicago gamblers' trust, and still Cregier makes not a single move toward enforcing the law.

The man accused of setting fire to the Minneapolis Park building, where seven lives were lost, is said to

have been a big defaulter, and he wanted to destroy his books to destroy evidence of money lost in Chicago gambling-houses.

Think of that!

The attendance at Condon's and Hankins' dens has increased rather than diminished, and THE EAGLE's detectives say that their reports of the receipts for the month ending Dec. 17 will greatly exceed the receipts for the month ending Nov. 17, which are published in another part of this paper.

THE EAGLE is to be congratulated on one fact, and that is, that its exposure of the turkey raffle swindle at 105 West Madison street closed up that game. If Cregier had not acted on the information furnished by this paper the chances are that the people would have taken the law into their own hands.

It is an encouraging sign of the times to see that the clergy are taking this matter up. The Rev. Dr. Noble and Rev. Dr. Adams, preaching to large, wealthy, and respectable congregations, have denounced gambling in Chicago in unmeasured terms. THE EAGLE will continue to furnish the clergy of Chicago with the facts, and there is no better way of reaching the good people than through the pulpit.

Let the clergy keep up the good work, and educate the common people, the good people, the respectable people of Chicago to the fact that while DeWitt C. Cregier is Mayor of Chicago, the laws against gambling will not be enforced.

THE EAGLE'S SCREAM.

It Stops the Turkey Raffle and Shakes "Paddy Sure's" Confidence in His Power at Court.

THE CHICAGO EAGLE has scored a victory in its fight against gambling in Chicago. Through the exposure of the infamous turkey raffle in these columns the game has been broken up. Although "Paddy Sure" had influence enough to secure immunity for the turkey raffle at the start, THE EAGLE's power and eloquence made "Paddy Sure's" men take a back seat.

The turkey raffle has been closed up. In last week's EAGLE the so-called "raffle" was referred to as follows:

"Imagine wide-open gambling on the public street!"

"The public are prepared for almost anything under the present administration. But the sight of an open roulette game is a new one in Chicago. At 105 West Madison street some of the gang have rented a store.

"In the front windows coops are placed, and a few turkeys promenade up and down.

"Over the door are huge signs, announcing a 'turkey raffle' within--'only 10 cents.'

"Inside, a wheel goes around, and the suckers bet on a number. The chances are 1,000 to 1 against them, at 10 cents a chance.

"Occasionally one of the victims wins a turkey. He is at once offered \$1.50 for his prize. He gladly accepts the offer, and before he leaves the place loses \$1.50 in trying to get another turkey.

"In two weeks the game is said to have cleared nearly \$5,000.

"Does the Mayor ever read the law?" The Mayor must have read the law in that number of THE EAGLE, because he would not miss a copy of this paper for a farm.

The game at 105 was closed up, because the people are waking up.

It was the first gun!

MERCHANTS ARE THEIR PREY.

The Gamblers Fleeced Their Bookkeepers and Cashiers, While One of the Gang Runs a Shop-Lifting Branch.

The public is only commencing to get at the real inwardness of the ramifications of the gamblers' trust in Chicago. Before these exposures are finished some rather startling facts will be shown.

The connection of certain members of the trust with organized bands of shoplifters will be proven, and the merchants of Chicago will have occasion to open their eyes.

When the records of Hogan, Condon, Hankins, and some others are published, they will make rich reading.

They will stir the people's blood.

The man who managed the shoplifters, and who is alleged to have run a gang of them, including the notorious Mike Bailey and "Bright Eyes," does not run a gambling house himself. He is engaged in another line of

CREGIERISM.

A WINNER'S WORDS.

"There has lately entered into the politics of Chicago a tiger. It has claimed a place in the Democratic party. While it has that place the Democratic party must expect to meet with adversities. You all know that the crown of England has a crest of a lion and a unicorn. If I were to make a crest for the Democratic party of Chicago to-day I would make a swill barrel with a dollar mark upon it. On either side, instead of the lion and the unicorn, I would put a tiger and a coyote. I think that would be a good crest for the ticket."

—JUDGE RICHARD PRENDERGAST.

business which will bear watching, and is one of the active managers of the GAMBLERS' TRUST.

What do Marshall Field, J. H. Walker, J. V. Farwell, and the other merchants of Chicago who have been robbed by this gang think of an administration which allows such a state of affairs to exist?

The Gamblers' Trust is a veritable league of crime.

"PADDY SURE" IS SERENE.

He Says that the Gamblers Elected Cregier and He Will Have to Stick to Them.

There was quite a gathering in "Paddy Sure's" the other day, and THE EAGLE's exposures were under discussion. Among those present was a County Commissioner who draws "friendly" men on the grand jury; two ex-grand jurors, and two members of the trust. "Let the

go to —," said Mr. "Paddy Sure." "Didn't we elect Cregier? You bet we did. I happen to know what was done for him in that campaign. The 'boys' raised a big sum to elect Cregier, and he is no ingrate. We have him where we want him, and he will stick to us."

The gang are losing confidence in "Paddy Sure," however, since the Mayor closed the turkey-affle.

PROSECUTE THE MAYOR.

Citizens Can Make It Lively for Him for Not Enforcing the Law.

Mayor Cregier is going to be held to a strict accountability for his failure to enforce the laws against gambling. Chapter XXIV, of the Revised Statutes of Illinois prescribes the duties of the Mayor of Chicago.

Section 23, of Chapter XXIV, says: "SECTION 23. He (the Mayor) shall perform all such duties as are or may be prescribed by law or by the city or



dinances, and shall take care that the laws and ordinances are faithfully executed."

Does De Witt C. Cregier, Mayor of Chicago, take care that the laws against gambling are enforced?

He does not.

On the contrary he allows the damnable GAMBLERS' TRUST to run its robbing houses wide open and in defiance of all law. The poor are robbed that rich blacklegs may thrive, and Mayor Cregier and his police sit idly by and do not interfere.

Is there no remedy?

There is in the impeachment of the Mayor.

Section 27 of the same chapter was passed to meet this very case.

Here it is:

"SECTION 27. In case the Mayor or any other municipal officer shall at any time be guilty of a palpable omission of duty * * * he shall be liable to indictment in any court of competent jurisdiction, and, on conviction, shall be fined in a sum not exceeding \$1,000; and the court in which such conviction shall be had shall enter an order removing such officer from office."

The Mayor is guilty of a palpable omission of duty.

Let him take the consequences.

HERE IS THE LAW.

Let the People Read the Law Which Cregier Declines to Enforce.

Citizens of Chicago! Cut out this extract from the laws of Illinois. Paste it in your scrap-book. Mark it as a law which the present Mayor of Chicago refuses and neglects to enforce. Remember that it was passed by the Legislature of Illinois to protect the people of the State against robbery on the part of gambling thieves and scheming card-sharps.

Remember that this is not enforced.

Remember that all of the gambling houses are open.

Remember that the gamblers' trust is relieving the poor workingmen, minors, fathers, husbands, and boys of \$206,000 a month.

Thus remembering, do not lose sight of the fact that D. C. Cregier, also known as Old-Man-Not-Afraid-of-His-Whiskers, is the Mayor who refuses to enforce it.

Here is your law:

"SECTION 127. Whoever keeps a common gaming house, or in any building, booth, yard, garden, boat or float, by him or his agent used and occupied, procures or permits any persons to frequent, or to come together to play for money or other valuable thing, at any game, or keeps or suffers to be kept any tables or other apparatus for the purpose of playing at any game or sport, for money or any other valuable thing, or knowingly rents any such place for such purposes, shall, upon conviction for the first offense, be fined not less than \$100, and for the second offense be fined not less than \$500, and be confined in the county jail not less than six months, and for the third offense shall be fined not less than \$500, and be imprisoned in the penitentiary not less than two years nor more than five years."

DECOYING WORKINGMEN.

As Hankins and the Trust Are in That Line of Business, Here Is Some Law for Them.

Here is a way of putting a stop to the Hankins-Condon decoy game, whereby vice is manufactured to order. It is prescribed by law:

"SEC. 129. If any one shall, through invitation or device, prevail on any person to visit any room, building, booth, yard, garden, boat, or float, kept for the purpose of gambling, he shall, on conviction thereof, for the first offense be fined not less than \$10 nor more than \$100, and for the second offense he may be fined not less than \$100 nor more than \$300, or may be confined in the County Jail not exceeding six months, or both, in the discretion of the court."

Some of the Central Station Detectives fall on themselves in their efforts to shake hands with gamblers whom they meet on the street.

A BLOODY HAND.

It Leaves Its Indelible Finger Marks Upon Cregier's Administration.

The Burning of Seven People in the Minneapolis Tribune Office

Directly Traceable to the Chicago Gamblers' Trust.

A Defaulting Cashier Who Lost His Employer's Money in Chicago

Arrested for the Most Horrible Crime of the Age.

Suicide and Disgrace of the School Treasurer of Milwaukee.

After Losing \$20,000 of the People's Money in Chicago Hells.

Milwaukee and Minneapolis May Recover the Money by Suing Chicago Owners of Gambling Property.

But All the Recoveries of Money Will Never Bring Back the Precious Lives That Have Been Lost.

"Paddy Sure," Montana Hankins' and Black Jack Condon Don't Care.

Stirring Words by Rev. Drs. Adams and Noble on This Subject.

The Citizens' Association Is Preparing to Act, and It Is Forging a Thunderbolt.

The citizens of Chicago are waking up. The Citizens' Association has taken hold of this dreadful subject, and has already collected a great deal of evidence not only against the gamblers themselves but against the owners of the property they occupy and the owners' agents.

THE EAGLE pledges its support to the Citizens' Association in this movement, and will do all in its power to help the cause of justice along.

Judge Horton will also lend a helping hand, as will some of the other Judges on the bench. Now that the drainage election is over, the members of the Union League, Marquette and other leading clubs should devote their spare time to helping the good cause along. Already the hat is being passed around for a thorough and speedy prosecution of the gamblers, and the spontaneous response that is being given shows how the merchants of Chicago feel in regard to the matter. The recurrent clergy to whom THE EAGLE is sent every week are doing splendid work, and the remarks of a couple of the more influential clergymen in this issue show the intense interest taken in the public good.

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THE MINNEAPOLIS HORROR.

Said to Have Had Its Foundation in Chicago's Wide-Open Gaming Houses.

Hardly has the public mind recovered from the horrible details of the Minneapolis Tribune fire, than a fresh horror falls upon it in the same connection. The cashier of the Minneapolis paper lost all his money in Chicago gambling houses, and is now accused of firing the building to cover up his peculations.

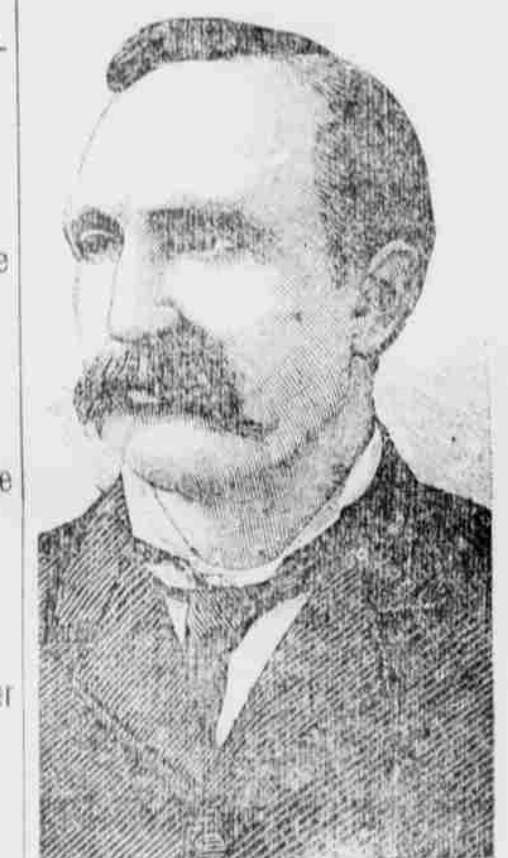
Seven lives were lost.

The following dispatch to a morning paper gives some details of the arrest:

"MINNEAPOLIS, Dec. 8.

"Charles S. Ostrom, until Friday night cashier and bookkeeper of the Pioneer-Press' Minneapolis department, is suspected of setting the fire which burned the Tribune Building Saturday night, Nov. 30, in which seven men lost their lives. The charge made against Ostrom Friday night was that he had stolen \$2,200 of the funds of the Pioneer-Press. He not only admitted his guilt, but did what he could to help the company straighten out the books.

"At first he denied that he had taken more than \$1,200, but when confronted with the evidence he admitted that he had stolen it all. The terrible rumor



almost immediately got abroad that he had deliberately set the Tribune Building on fire to cover up his peculations. He was confronted with the charge of arson, and the Grand Jury will make a thorough investigation of the matter.

"A detective had been shadowing Ostrom for a week before the fire, and will be asked by the Grand Jury to state what he knows of Ostrom's movements Saturday night. Ostrom is a young man, and has been in the employ of the Pioneer-Press Company for about three years. He has a young wife whom he married about three months ago. The money was lost by gambling in Chicago, which caused great surprise, since he was an extremely quiet fellow, never drunk, and was not known to take any interest in games of chance. Ostrom would occasionally take a run down to Chicago to try his luck in one of the wide-open gambling houses of that city, and was skinned of all his money."

MILWAUKEE'S SCHOOL TREASURER.

After Losing \$20,000 to the Chicago Gamblers' Trust, He Commits Suicide.

A. H. Schattner, Treasurer of the Milwaukee School Board, lost \$20,000 of the money of the people of Milwaukee in Chicago gambling houses.

Being unable to make good his deficit, he blew out his brains last Saturday night.

As the daily papers have been filled with accounts of this horror, there is no need for extended comment here.

OWNERS ARE LIABLE.

People Who Rent Property to Gamblers Liable for Every Cent Lost on the Premises.

The Revised Statutes provide an easy way for the recovery of money lost in gambling houses. Here is the law on the subject. Let every citizen read it carefully.

"SECTION 133. If any person shall rent or lease to another any building or premises in which is, whole or in part, as a common gaming house, or place for persons to come together to play for money or other valuable thing,